THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that a credit rating agency had given FA+ rating to CRB Capital Markets Ltd. (CRBCML).

(b) The balance sheet of CRB Capital Markets Ltd for 1995-96 indicating a net profit of Rs. 55.15 crores was duly audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants. Power bonds were floated by CRB Corporation and not by CRBCML.

(c) RBI had granted CRBCML on July 4, 1996 an "in principle" approval to set up a new bank in the private sector. The approval was later withdrawn on April 9, 1997. RBI had not granted any permission to CRBCML to raise Rs. 100 crore on private placement basis.

(d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) after conducting an enquiry had given directions that the CRBMF should not launch any scheme till June 30, 1996. SEBI also issued a direction to the CRBMF in May 97 not to launch schemes till further order.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Docs not arise.

Percentage of NPA to total Advances in State Bank of Patiala

1467. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3508 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the percentage of gross non-performing assets in State Bank of Patiala to total advances as on 31st March, 1995;

(b) the percentage of amount written off in the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the actual amount thereof;

(c) whether Government is of the view that the amount of NPA and also the written off amount in the year 1994-95 has been out of proportion; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the percentage of gross non performing assets (NPA) of State Bank of Patiala to its total advances as on 31 March 1995 was 11.42.

(b) The amount involved in coinpromise/write off by State Bank of Patiala and its percentage to total advances as also to NPAs for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 were as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total advances	Amount off NPAs	Amount Compromised/written off	% of amount written off/ compromised to amount of NPAs	% of amount written off compromised to amount of advances
1994-95	2898.25	330.98	19.74	5.96	0.68
1995-96	3478.76	399.71	12.57	3.14	0.36

(c) No Sir. The amount of NPA and also the amount written off in 1994-95 by State Bank of Patiala is not disproportionate to the corresponding amount for public sector banks.

(d) Does not arise.